KLING TO REST ON PREVIOUS RECORD

d in Addition to the Fact that It Is the Lowest.

C. M. Carpenter, the repres Ayres Asphalt company, who he reporter yesterday and asked for expression regarding the action taken is city council at its meeting on Mosini the matter of the bids for the Main at paving. It will be remembered that board of public works reported in of the bid made by the Ayres people, that the council deferred action in the isse until the condition of the Fifth paving, which was laid something a year ago under Mr. Carpenter's period supervision, could be investigated.

In the was a little surprised at the mast the council, as outlined above, in of the unanimous report of the board able works.

mile works.

Gually, you know," he continued, "the
is looked upon as the body which is
emible for improvements of this charand its members are obliged to shouline result, success or failure, as it
be. Their recommendations are theregenerally accepted as final unless they
if and flagrantly disregard the public
[Otherwise there would be no necesof a board of that character. Still, it
wise thing for the aldermen to interest
is the street of the end that pelves in this matter to the end that may become thoroughly familiar with become thoroughly familiar with upositions which were made to them ring Main street, and I have no doubt hey will recognize in the end the of the award made to my company. have nothing to fear from an investi-mearried on along purely disinterested On the contrary, we invite just that of thing, and hope that it will be as searching and thorough as pos-

ut those cracks in your Fifth work?" asked the reporter.
payement in the Fifth ward," re-Mr. Carpenter, "in the opinion of to the truckman, is first class. One seeman told me of a load of eleven which he hauled over it with ease. cracks do not injure the pavement at but are simply unsightly. I would be glad indeed to rest our case upon this ment alone before any party of disted men who are familiar with the i payements laid by all the other nies in various cities and who will y consider the enormous traffic to and the climatic conditions prevailhe difference between the Caroline traving and our Fifth ward work? that's easy. The Third ward pavels constructed with concrete under treet railway tracks and the asphalite to the contract of the contract is Trinidad Pitch Lake asphalt. work the street railway construction is 'Standard' California asphalt. The great. The Caroline street pavement tween two paved streets and is sub-to the lightest kind of travel, while ment goes through an unpayed ct and is constantly subjected to the set traffic in the city. The fact is, mparison can be satisfactorily made

these two pavements because the mas of traffic are not at all similar. other hand the traffic over our That do you know about the plan on the board made the Main street in your favor?" inquired the re-

under the specifications," was the re-"se were invited to submit figures three plans of guerantee and on four of concrete. The board selected the year plan of guarantee and a concrete roken stone and Portland cement. Untils classification we are the lowest ters according to these figures, which the totals of the four lowest bids:

the totals of the four lowest bids:
The Barber Asobalt Paving company,
605; Hipp & Key. \$44,642; the Louislana
Tovement company, \$43,597; the Ayres
halt Paving company, \$42,856.
The will notice from these figures that
are \$750 lower than the Improvement
pany, nearly \$1800 lower than Hipp &
and \$6300 lower than Barber. In adno to this we offered in our bid to comthis work within sixty working days. to this we offered in our bid to comthis work within sixty working days
ha date we were notified by the engito commence work, a feature which
has hid contained and which in itself
eth many thousand dollars to the
treet merchants, for we have surely
mistated in this city our ability to
rapidly and complete our contracts in
me specified regardless of obstacles.
have every reason to feel that we
receive at the hands of the council
alrest kind of treatment and a most
the investigation. Under those conwe have nothing to fear."

CITY BREVITIES.

South Texas Poultry and Pet Stock asar we kly meeting of the Sheltzr-will on held Wednesday afternoon ok, at the Parish house.

ries W. Maler, third vice grand the Brotberhood of Locomotive will deliver an address on organized that at Pythian hall.

shop of Alderman Robinson, en street, was entered by thieves it and several razors, hair clippers sciences were stolen. ill be a meeting tonight, at Emmet committee arrangement committee Fairick's Day celebration by the a societies of Houston.

a societies of Houston,
a still alarm turned in to the
still alarm turned in to the
station at 10:15 o'clock yesterday
the cause being a flue fire at toll
sowned by El Packard; no damage,
the cause with assaulting with
surface Wesley Stephens, was given
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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mayey of the city went to a on a business trip.

rell. a prominent lumberman in Austin last pight.

and family left the city international and Green crass. Ill.

and bride have returned the and bride have serounded as Samuerbund.

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IN THE RESERVE WHEN YOU JOHN CONROY IS KILLED

THE PRICELESS GIFT OF SIGHT

WEALTH NOT TO BE COMPARED WITH THIS BLESSING.

The Services of a Skilled Opticion Hard to Overestimate-Dr. Seymour at the Capitol.

No gift bestowed by the generous Maker is greater and grander than that of perfect sight, and no faculty is more sadly missed when once the glorious windows of the soul have felt the curtains of perpetual darkness drawn between them and the beautiful world about. Instinct and intuition often comes to the relief of other senses when impaired or entirely lost; but sight stands helpless and alone, for no

sight stands helpless and alone, for no other faculty can attempt in the most remote degree its rescue or replacement. Life would indeed be desolate without it, yet many persons hasten to the death of that marvelous light by ignorance and delay. The sye, if impaired and left unaided by optical helps, does not assert itself as do many other functions of the body to gradually right its own troubles. Carelessness and inattention on the contrary hasten it on its downward course, ending at last in complications which lead to serious results, and sometimes loss of sight.

Many people think that a glass which greatly magnifies, and enables them to read without discomfort, is consequently the one they need, and therefore must be the right

without discomfort, is consequently the one they need, and therefore must be the right one. This is a scrious mistake, and one which fills the office of an expert eye specialist with thousands of eager patrons who have paid the price of their ignorance with their precious sight. Few men are better authority for this statement than Dr. Seymour, who for the past ten years has treated every form of defective vision with glasses. A large portion of the most serious cases, he says, are made so from this cause alone. The art of applying and adjusting glasses is a science by itself, and no man can successfully practice it who gives it only his divided attention. It takes time, training and, more than all, experience, to properly fit even the simplest case. These essential requirements, Dr. Seymour brings to his aid, as well as being the possessor of some of the most valuable instruments for examinations of the eye, that have ever been known to science; and as a consethey need, and therefore must be the right

been known to science; and as a consequence he stands today one of the greatest opticians of his time.

The doctor opens his offices today and will meet any one interested, without charge for consultation.

HOUSTON LABOR COUNCIL.

Semi-Annual Election and Instal-Intion of Officers—Addressed. At the regular meeting of the Labor council last evening credentials were received and delegates seated from the various unions of the city.

Third Grand Master C. W. Maier of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was present and delivered an interesting and appreciative address upon organized labor, its progress and achievements toward benits progress and achievements toward ben-efiting the wage earners. He will speak to an open meeting tonight to be held in Castle hall, Fifth ward, and a large au-dience is expected, the ladies of Houston being especially invited. His subject will be "Legislation and Organization." After the lecture he will give some stereopticon views for the edification of those present.

The result of the election of officers for The result of the election of officers for the Labor council was as follows: President, Jack Rawlins, Tinners' union; vice president, C. H. Backus, Carpenters' union; recording secretary, V. J. Hill, Street Railway Employes' union; financial secretary, J. W. McArthur, Carpenters' union; statistician, Ben Wolf, Typographical union; trustees, F. C. Williams, Retail Clerks' union; R. T. Gallagher, Carpenters' union, and J. D. Vickers, Street Railway Employes' union; sergeant-st-arms, A. H. Neuthard, Cigar Makers' union; manager of Union Labor hall, J. W. McArthur, Carpenters' union. penters' union.

Other routine business was transacted and at the next meeting the legislative and arbitration committees will be an-nounced by the chairman.

CALHOUN STREET FIRE.

Residence Occupied by J. S. Carter Practically Bestroyed. Quite a fire occurred at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at 711 Calhoun street, Fourth ward, in a two-story residence

owned by J. Moore and occupied by J. S. Carter. The fire seemed well advanced be-fore the alarm was turned in, but when the department reached the scene some exthe department reached the scene some excellent work was done in checking the
flames in time to save two large buildings,
one on either side of the doomed structure. It also brought the new fire company, No. 7, located in the new building
corner of Milam and McIlhenny streats,
into its first active service as a new organization.

The estimated value of the building was
\$1500 and its damage was fully 50 per cent,
or \$750. The furniture was a total loss; it
was insured for \$1000, and the building
was fully covered by insurance.

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Ladies' Reception.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association will give a reception this afternoon at the association parlors from 4 to 6 o'clock. The ladies of the city are cordially invited. A musical and literary programme has been arranged, and there may be expected a very pleasant

Business League Directors.

The result of the balloting for directors for the Houston Business League closed yesterday noon with the following result: R. M. Johnston, H. H. Dickson, G. A. Mistrot, W. D. Cleveland, Rufus Cage, F. Hacker, F. A. Reichardt, J. F. Garrott, L. J. Tuffly and F. A. Heitman.

THE BODY FOUND IN THE BACK YARD

Neck-Arrest Made on Suspicion. Inquest Proceedings Begun,

In the back yard of a saloon operated by I. V. Huddleston and located at the end of Congress avenue and directly opposite the new International and Great Northern passenger depot, a man, whose name is reported as John Contoy, was found dead, shot through the neck.

About 9 o'clock the man Courcy was seen by Barkeeper John Smith to enter the front door of the saloon, pass through and out of the back door leading to a small yard, and a few moments later a pistol shot was heard, but as the back door was then closed, the shot appeared as if at a distance, and no one of several who were in the saloon took any notice of it.

About an hour later a switchman came with a lantern in hand at the saloon door and said: "There is a man dead back in the yard." Notice was given to the police station, and officers with Deputy Ray went at once to the scene. On opening the door and passing about twenty-five feet along a crooked path leading to a closet the dead man was foundlying on his side, but with legs and arms outstretched, as though in the act of running or getting away. His hat was off and lying about two teet from his head, and on examining the body a pistol shot hole was found in the front and center of his neck, about three inches below the chin, and evidently lodging in his backbone, as no place of exit of the supposed bullet could be found. His cheeks were stained with blood, which had flowed from his mouth. In appearance he was and said: "There is a man dead back in the

were stained with blood, which had flowed from his mouth. In appearance he was clean shaven, and about 30 years of sge. The deceased was married, has two little children and was living with his family in a small cottage about four blocks away from the salcon.

The barkeeper stated that Conroy had been drinking some and appeared in that condition as he went through the salcon. The theory is that it was a murder, and the situation in the back yard with a low The theory is that it was a murder, and the situation in the back yard with a low partition fence gave every opportunity for some lurking assassin to have hidden himself and fired the shot unseen by the victim. A search was made and no weapon was found about the premises, and as there was no sign of powder burn on the flesh of the deceased the theory of suicide is not believed.

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The man was a switchman and had been in the employ of the International and Great Northern and the Santa Fe railroads at various times. He came to Texas in 1834 from his home at Decatur, Ill., and has lived in Texas ever since.

The officers think they have a clew which may develop stronger evidence in a short time.

Coroner Malsch was sent for and com-menced the inquest.

An arrest was made last night on sus-pleion and the party may be held pending further developments in the inquest.

THE RATHBONE SISTERS

A Pretty Programme.

The officers-elect being in position for the ceremony, a slow march being played by Miss Mary Waterman, the herald an-nounced the approach of the grand officers, who marched to the station of the most excellent chief and receiving the gavel, the comblem of authority, heavy, the heautiful emblem of authority, began the beautiful

The acting grand officers were: Grand chief, Mrs. Lelia Feliows; grand sentor, Mrs. Minufe Link, grand manager, Mrs. Jepnie Rue.

The officers installed were: Past chief

Jennie Rue.

The officers installed were: Past chief, Lelia Fellows; most excellent chief, Theresa Decker; most excellent senior. Lena Merpent; most excellent junior, Nellie Rutherford; manager, Emma Helberg; master of record and seal, Eva McAuliff; master of finance, Cynthia Fellows; protector of temple, Leah Warren; guard outer temple, Mary Stewart.

The beauty of the ceremonies was augmented by the approach of Miss Bertha Schoeverling, the Goddiess of Flowers, escorted by four little flower girls, namely; Misses McAuliff, Merpent, Decker and Fellows, who at the blast of the trumpst approached the altars of installation, and the officers, kneeling before them, were bedecked with Nowers and wreaths, all of which was symbolic of youth, beauty and purity—the constituent elements and virtues of the members of Calanthe Temple. The officers and flower girls marched away under the direction of Mrs. Dr. Lunn, mistress of ceremonies, under the strains of a grand march, followed by the visiting brothers and sisters into the banquet hall, where a most toothsome spread was served, from which the night force of The Post was bountifully remembered.

Francis of Yale" Pleases a Good-Sixed Andience. The story told in "Miss Francis of Yale"

is an utterly impossible one, but that

does not prevent the play from making people laugh. Since it does this, it may be said to entirely fulfill its mission on earth, and consequently there is no good and valid reason for criticising it. The people who saw it presented at Sweeney & Coombs' opers house by Mr. Brenton Thorpo's company last night enjoyed it St. Andrew Cadets.

The Cadets of Si. Andrew will have one of their open meetings at the Parish house tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, when they will be entertained with an address by Hdn. Joe Eagle. All boys are invited in addition to the address there will be vocal and instrumental music and a drill by the Cadets for the rector's medal.

A CARD.

Having retired from the office of district attorney of Harris and Galveston counties, attorney of Harris and Galveston counties, attorney of Harris and Galveston counties, attorney at Harris and the county at the immensely, if one is to judge by the

Geo. B. Wright Was Restored to Health and Makes a Generous Offer to Every Sufferer From Lost Manhood.



effected a cure in his care to every reader of The Post who is suffering today. All who will write him a letter asking for a copy of the prescription will receive it by return multifree of any charge whatever.

Mr. Wright says no one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he has suffered them. No one can help such sufferer unless he knows a cure and has himself been restored to tull manhood. Mr. Wright's case was an extreme case. He suffered for many years. He saw his physical powers go from him as the result of insideus disease until he was reduced to a condition of sentility, and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

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He asserts that his ten years' suffering both mentally and physically, was turned to unbounded joy in a single night through a rare combination of medicines that literally made him young again. It is the prescription of this discovery that his enthusiasm leads him to offer free to any man, young or old, who feels that his animation or the fire of ambition has left him and needs something that will not only brace him up and enable him to be prepared for any undertaking which may present itself, but will restore the parts to their original size and vigor.

There is no question but what in his individual case the results were just as described, and it seems quite probable that any man who believes himnelf to be weak may profit by seuding for this free prescription. Many people wonder how he can afford to send this prescription free, but it costs him little to de so, and he feels a philauthropic interest in giving weak men an opportunity to cure themselves.

A request to G. B. Wright, music dealer. Box 1248 Marshall, Mich, for his free prescription will be promptly and privately compiled with by return mail.

season, and while at times he tays himself liable to the charge of overacting, his work is, on the whole, quite satisfactory. Miss Fannie Young makes an excellent Miss Mann, her laugh being au especially amusing feature. Miss Agnes Rose Lane wears some extremely handsone government is

ing feature. Miss Agnes Rose Lane wears some extremely handsome gowns and is not at all bad looking, but the part of Mrs. Chetwynd has been better played. The laughing scene in the second act particularly, might be improved on somewhat. The complete east is as follows:

Frank Sisynor of Yale. Etienne Girardot Fred Anderson of Yale. Raymond Capp Byron McStuff of Yale. Brenton Thorpe Soaper, butler of the Fitz Allens. Louis Grisel

LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS.

Houston Boys in Distant Climes Tell of Their Experiences. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Camp of No. 2306

Last evening in the Pythian castle in the Burns building, Calanthe Temple No. 11 Rathbone Sisters, had a public installation of their officers, together with a literary programmo, social session and ban-The members of the various Pythian lodges of the city responded to an invitation extended to them and their families by the Rathbone Sigters. The ceremonies were preceded by the following programme:

ithe trip from Savannah, laying especial stress on the outrageously bad food which was issued the men on the voyage. He claims that the stew furnished the soldiers was infested with vermin, that the coffee was very bad and that the potatoes in many instances were in an advanced stage of decomposition and died in about five minutes. Mr. Carl-ton leaves a life and five children.

because he feared it might be drugged.
During the review the regiment marched in plasoon front, the streets being too narrow for company front formation.

San Saba, Texas, January 15.—Grip has taken the town by storm.

he tells of the arrival and disembarkation of his regiment. The Twenty-third is stationed in "Old Manila." or the "wall city." as it is called on account of the 25-foot stone wall which surrounds it. The wall, which is claimed to be 400 years old. In armed with cannon at intervals of 100 yards. The American soldiers are not allowed to go outside the wall without a pass. The weather is described as being very warm indeed. A great many of the Spanish soldiers, young Erichson says, would like to join the United States army. The writer closes his letter by saying that he is "getting as fat as a pig." that he is getting plenty to cat, but not much to drink. he tells of the arrival and disembarkation

SOCIETY NOTES.

The card party to be given by Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Ewing in honor of their sister, Miss Ruby Williams, takes place tonight at their residence on Glay avenue.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur J. Binz of this city to Miss Tina Peters of Galveston will occur tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's uncle. Mr. H. C. Lange. No. 1106 Winnie street, in the In-

A KILLING AT GLIDDEN.

Thomas J. Carlton, a Car Inspector Was Shot Down.

Columbus, Texas, January 17.—For several weeks there has existed bad blood between Thomas J. Carlton, a car inspector for the Southern Pacific company at Glidden, and other employes. As a consequence

Warmbachie, Texas, January 16.—There are

Wallisville, Texas, January 16. Several deaths have resulted from the grip, which is epidemic in virulent form in this vicinity. Berciair, Texas, January 17.—There have been a few cases of the grip here, but of a mild character.

Patal Shooting at Paris.

Gus Erichson of this city, who is a member of company K. Twenty-third infantry. United States army, now stationed at Manila, has written a letter to his mother in this city. Mrs. Otto Erichson, under date of December 14, in which a party mamed Mansfeld was shot at six times by another party. Two bullets took effect, one in the left side, mortally wounding him.

A Prominent Arkansaw Man Says

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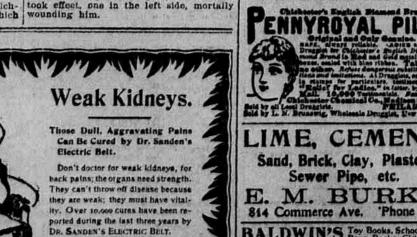
MR. J. PEARSON, 208 Main Street, Little Rock, Ark.

by you, and as a result will say that I do not feel the slightest pain in my hips: my bowels have become regular, and I feel confident that is a short time I will be as strong and healthy in every respect as I have

DR. M. A. McLAUGHLIN,

MANAGER'

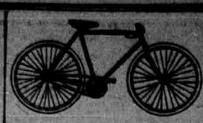
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Shoes, \$1.50 and \$2.00 goods, at... 98C THE BOSTON SHOE STORE, MAIN ST.

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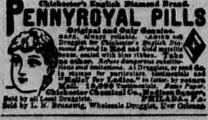


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Rock Island Notes.

Rock Island, Texas, January 16.—Miss Maude Maze has accepted a position as assistant postmaster under Mr. Peterson, Rock Island boasts of having the best post-office facilities of any small town in Texas.

The next regular excursion from the North is expected here next Thursday,

TO CUBE A COLD IN ONE DAY take Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All drugglate refund money if it falls to curs. 25c. The genuine has L.R.Q. on each tablet,

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